

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

AMENDMENT	Title:	METHODS, SYSTEMS AND ARTICLES OF MANUFACTURE FOR SOFT HIERARCHICAL CLUSTERING OF CO-OCCURRING OBJECTS
	First Named Inventor:	Eric Gaussier et al.
	Application No.:	09/982,236
	Filing Date:	October 19, 2001
	Confirmation No.	7611
	Examiner:	Cam Linh T. Nguyen
Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Art Unit:	2161
	Last Office Action:	April 24, 2009

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed April 24, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

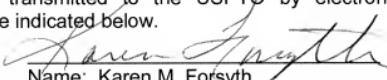
Remarks/Arguments begin on page 18 of this paper.

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